

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

**1-11. (cancelled)**

**12. (currently amended)** A piezoelectric ~~type~~ lighter comprising a flame-generation device which comprises a mechanism for releasing a jet of gas and a piezoelectric mechanism for generating a spark, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the lighter comprises two actuators able to make a pivoting movement under the action of a force applied by a user between a first so-called resting position and a second so-called active position, at least one of said actuators, referred to as the first actuator, being adapted to move independently of the second actuator and to act on at least one of said mechanisms, referred to as the first mechanism, the first actuator being able to make only a pivoting movement under the action of the force applied by said user between a first resting position and second active position, in which said first actuator is adapted to act on at least said first mechanism, the second actuator being able to make only a pivoting movement under the action of the force applied by said user between the first resting position and the second

active position in which said second actuator is adapted to act on the second mechanism, the lighter being adapted to generate a flame externally of the lighter when the two actuators have pivoted.

**13. (currently amended)** A The lighter according to claim 12, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein when the second actuator, ~~when it is~~ displaced under the action of ~~a~~ the force applied by ~~a~~ the user, the second actuator is adapted to drive the first actuator through a pivoting movement along a given path, the ~~two~~ first and second actuators being situated one behind the other on that path.

**14. (currently amended)** A The lighter according to claim 12, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the first actuator is adapted to act on one of the mechanisms, referred to as the first mechanism, and the second actuator is adapted to act on the second mechanism.

**15. (currently amended)** A The lighter according to claim 12, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein at the same longitudinal end of the lighter, each said first and second actuator comprises a cap adapted to be subjected to ~~a~~ the force applied by ~~a~~ said user of the lighter and which is arranged such that the two caps are situated side by side.

**16.(currently amended)** A The lighter according to claim 15, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the cap of the second actuator, referred to as the second cap, comprises at least one portion which penetrates into a region of the cap of the first actuator, referred to as the first cap, such that ~~a~~ the force applied by ~~a~~ said user in that region drives the two caps through a pivoting movement.

**17.(currently amended)** A The lighter according to claim 16, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the penetrating portion of the second cap has a bearing surface which is not smooth.

**18.(currently amended)** A The lighter according to claim 15, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the two caps have bearing surfaces presented to ~~a~~ the user which are arranged at different levels along the longitudinal direction of the lighter, the bearing surface of the second cap being arranged at a level below than that of the bearing surface of the first cap.

**19.(currently amended)** A The lighter according to claim 12, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein one of ~~the two actuators~~ said first and second actuator, when in ~~its~~ a resting position,

covers a region of the lighter in which a flame is generated externally of the lighter when both mechanisms are activated.

**20. (currently amended)** A The lighter according to claim 19, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the actuator covering the region of the lighter in which a flame is generated is the second actuator.

**21. (currently amended)** A The lighter according to claim 12, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the first actuator is adapted to act on both the mechanisms and to generate a flame, the second actuator, in ~~it's~~ a resting position, covering a region of the lighter in which the flame is generated, thus preventing the latter from propagating externally of the lighter when the second actuator has not pivoted.

**22. (currently amended)** A The lighter according to claim 12, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the first mechanism is the spark generation mechanism.

**23. (new)** A piezoelectric lighter comprising:

a flame-generation device comprising a first mechanism for releasing a jet of gas, and a piezoelectric mechanism for generating a spark;

a first and second actuator, each pivotably movable, at least one of said first and second actuator being adapted to pivotably move independently of the pivoting motion of the other actuator;

at least one of said first and second actuator capable of acting on one or both mechanisms;

wherein the first and second actuator, the gas release jet mechanism, and the piezoelectric mechanism are interconnected so that the piezoelectric mechanism produces a flame external to the lighter only upon the pivotable motion of both the first and second actuator.